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Canton officials stress bias training of police

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams recently responded to a communication from a resident who had questions about policies and police procedures in the township.

Chad Baugh

Brandt Bowling wrote to Williams asking if the Canton Police Department had stringent background checks to vet new police officers and ensure they are not members of various hate groups.

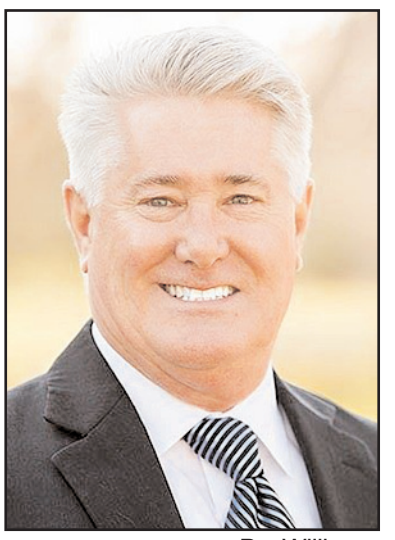
Brandt asked Williams what procedures are in place to ensure accountability in the police department performance.

Brandt said he was prompted to write by the current racial injustices which have been taking place in the country.

Williams responded very promptly to Brandt, expressing his personal sadness at the death of George Floyd at the hands of police officers and assuring him of the pride, professionalism and dedication of the Canton Police Department.

"I can say with absolute confidence that the Canton Police Department works hard every day to faithfully serve our entire community. The department has developed a workforce with the mindset and skills to build a foundation of public trust and service, with a sincere commitment to our wonderfully diverse community," Williams responded.

"We continuously strive to have our officers performing at the highest regional and national standards. The Canton Police Department officers train tirelessly on measures and techniques to mitigate the use of force, allowing them to rely on non-lethal force methods to bring about safe resolutions. In fact, the department has created a progressive legal training model for our police employees, which focuses on the use of force and Fourth Amendment criminal law. The educational and training pieces have extended into mental health de-escalation protocols and prac-



Pat Williams

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Parking spaces

Precautions required as local parks open

Members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees along with township resident Tim Doyle cut the ribbon on the new Kay Arnold Picnic Shelter at the Miller Family Park on Ann Arbor Trail. The shelter is dedicated to longtime Township Trustee Kay Arnold who passed away in 2015. The shelter was paid for by a donation from Doyle, Arnold's husband, and county park funds. The Kay Arnold Picnic Shelter will be a welcome addition to the Miller Family Park, providing a welcoming place for families and a wonderful tribute to a dedicated public servant, officials said.

Last week, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the end of the Michigan 'stay at home' order and began easing restrictions for various sectors and public spaces, including outdoor parks and recreation facilities. Now, outdoor gatherings of up to 100 people are permitted, but social distancing guidelines must still be followed.

In response, several communities began opening park facilities which proved immediately popular with residents who had been in home isolation for nearly eight weeks.

CANTON TOWNSHIP

All Canton Township parks and trails remain open although the playgrounds, including splash playgrounds, are closed. Canton Leisure Services leaders urge all park users to follow proper CDC protocol and recommended social distancing guidelines.

The Canton Sports Center will remain closed through at least Aug. 1, including adult softball leagues, all tournaments, and Canton Township facilitated programs at this location.

NORTHVILLE

Playgrounds in Northville parks reopened for public use last Friday.

According to Township Supervisor Bob Nix and city Mayor Brian Turnbull, the reopenings were in response to the lifting of the previous restrictions.

Officials including Parks and Recreation Director Mark Gasche said that plans are under way to open up as many park amenities as possible.

The playgrounds have all had an initial sanitization, but going forward will not be sanitized, the officials said, so the public should be careful when using them.

"Please practice the recommended safety precautions by social distancing, using hand sanitizer, and washing your hands before and after using the playgrounds. Of course, if you or your child are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home and help keep others safe," the officials said in a joint prepared statement..

The tennis courts at Fish Hatchery Park are now open for play and registrations are under way for summer tennis classes. For details visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

The ball fields in the parks also opened last week for approved practices and plans are now under way to begin games, while following all of the recommended COVID safety guidelines.

The park pavilions will also be available for rental reservations. Send reservation requests to recreation@twp.northville.mi.us or call (248) 349-0203 ext. 0.

"We are also preparing to get the park restrooms ready for opening as soon as possible. No definite date has been determined yet, but we will let you know as soon as it is set," the officials said.

PLYMOUTH

Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth was crowded with visitors all weekend in response to the governor's easing of the executive order to stay home.

The parks and trails in Plymouth are now open for residents to enjoy fresh air and exercise, but city and township officials are urging visitors to comply with the governor's order and practice social distancing - stay at least 6 feet away from others, they cautioned. Do not use playgrounds or shared amenities, or play group sports (basketball, soccer, Frisbee, pickleball, tennis, etc.) as these surfaces are not sanitized, city sources said.

Enjoy the parks responsibly, officials urged.

"Spend time with your family or those you live with. We all play a role in slowing the spread of the coronavirus. When using parks and trails, do your part," they urged..

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Absentee ballot requests mailed to Romulus voters

Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg reminded members of the city council and the public that requests for absentee ballots for the Aug. 4 ballot have been mailed.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson mailed requests to all registered voters and Criag-Bragg's office also mailed the request forms to all those in the city who have registered on the permanent absentee ballot request list.

"If you didn't receive your request, please call us or if you have questions, contact us at elections@romulusgov.com," she said.

> *The ballot box is right in front of city hall, it is a stainless steel box.*

She said members of the clerk's staff were on hand to help answer questions at (734) 942-7540 if residents want to check to see if they are on the permanent absentee ballot request list or if they want to register as an absentee voter.

Craig-Bragg also reminded residents that the drop box in front of city hall is open for deposit of the requests for any residents who may not be comfortable placing their ballot or request for a ballot in the mail.

"The ballot box is right in front of city hall, it is a stainless steel box," she reminded the council members and the audience.

In response to a question during the recent meeting from Councilman William Wadsworth, Craig-Bragg said that she expected to have a sample ballot by this week which would provide more information as to the questions facing voters in the August election.

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Van Buren Township has received a $5,000 grant from Enbridge which will fund three local food banks.

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THE CANTON EAGLE
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Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees recently determined which programs, events and facility closures will remain in effect in the community.

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THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR
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The City of Inkster will be among the communities benefiting from an additional $4,960,787 in grant funding administered by the Wayne County Commission.

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Playgrounds in Northville parks were among those which reopened for public use last Friday in response to the lifting of restrictions by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

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About a thousand people attended each of two peaceful protest demonstrations last week in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

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THE ROMULUS ROMAN
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As the Romulus Public Library prepares to reopen, Director Patty Braden reminded residents that the facility continues to offer multiple on-line services.

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THE WAYNE EAGLE
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Breeda K. O'Leary, a Wayne native, officially became the new judge at the 20th District Court in Wayne on Monday when she took the bench for the first time.

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Westland

City begins new CARES grant programs

Westland CARES, a series of three grant programs designed to provide relief to those impacted negatively by the COVID-19 pandemic, began accepting applications last week. Funding for these programs was provided through special CDBG-CV funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The Department of Community Development will manage two grant funds, established by the program:

Westland Rent/Mortgage Relief Fund - a program to assist low to moderate income families whose income has been negatively affected by COVID-19. The city will provide up to 3 months of emergency rent or mortgage payments for households whose income has been significantly affected by COVID-19 due to job loss or medical costs for COVID-19 care.

Westland PPE Fund - a program to provide personal protection equipment (PPE) (masks, gloves, sanitizer) to vulnerable Westland residents and organizations that demonstrate the inability to secure the needed item(s). Priority will be based on the most vulnerable: elderly, people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, employers of essential activities (i.e., less than 10 employees, non-profit organizations), caregivers for someone with COVID-19.

Applications for both of these programs will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be accepted indefinitely, until funds are exhausted. For questions or assistance, call (734)793-9390.

The third fund will be managed by the Department of Economic Development:

Westland Small Business Relief Fund - a program designed to minimize and avoid job loss caused by business closures related to COVID-19 and social distancing. The fund will provide short-term working capital assistance (grants) to small businesses to enable retention of jobs held by low and moderate income persons.

> *We know individuals and business owners are struggling and our team has worked very hard to get these programs up and running quickly.*

Applications for this program will be accepted through June 17. Grants will be awarded by a merit based system, with no determinations being made until the initial submission window is closed.

For questions or assistance, email aberman@cityofwestland.com.

"We know individuals and business owners are struggling and our team has worked very hard to get these programs up and running quickly to provide relief quickly," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "The establishment of these programs will allow us to reach a diverse makeup of individuals in need, while maximizing the overall economic impact for the community."

Applications for all programs are available at www.cityofwestland.com

Inquiries can also be sent to westlandcares@cityofwestland.com.

Westland curbside recycling service set to restart in July

Recycling will return to Westland July 1.

Members of the city council approved a 2-year contract with Republic Services to process city recyclables effective July 1 through June 30, 2022. The city will pay $120 per ton to process recyclable material this year and $125 per ton for the service next year, according to the contract.

Republic Services was the only bidder for the service.

> *I want to thank the city council and the residents for their support in bringing back recycling.*

Westland suspended the curbside recycling program in 2019 due to rising costs associated with a change in the global recycling market. In March, Westland voters approved a sanitation millage to help fund the popular recycling program that serves 25,000 single-family homes in the city.

"When we first started our recycling program, Republic would actually, with their own trucks, come pick up our recycling and take it to a place in New Boston," commented Mayor William R. Wild said. "They do have history working with the city and their operation is located in Wayne."

"I want to thank the city council and the residents for their support in bringing back recycling to the City of Westland," Wild said. "Our community takes great pride in their efforts to promote sustainable, green practices and recycling is a major part of those efforts."

City staff members will be establishing a strategy to communicate details of the program to the public, according to a prepared release. Additional information will be posted on www.cityofwestland.com.

Former police sergeant disputes firing in lawsuit

A fired Westland police sergeant has filed a lawsuit claiming that his former coworkers and supervisors conspired to blame him for the death of a prisoner in custody at the jail.

Ronald Buckley, 55, claims in his suit filed in federal court last month, that Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, other police command officers and other officers involved in the 2017 arrest and incarceration of William Marshall maliciously conspired against him, ending his 24-year police career. Marshall, 35, was arrested Dec. 10, 2017 during a traffic stop when drugs were found by officers in his possession. He was transported by the arresting officers to the Westland jail where he complained of stomach pains. Just before, or during, the traffic stop, he swallowed a small baggie of cocaine, according to an independent investigation of the incident. The arresting officers removed traces of the drug from Marshall's lips and mouth and entered it into evidence bags.

Buckley maintains in his lawsuit that he was not informed that Marshall might have ingested the drugs. Marshall complained of stomach pains and eventually went into convulsions in the jail cell. The first visit from EMTs, about 90 minutes after his entry into the jail, resulted in no treatment for him. Paramedics, who had not taken his vital signs at the first visit, were called back to the jail a second time, at 9:29 a.m., about 3 hours after he entered the jail, and observed Marshall in his cell, unresponsive and without a pulse. They began life-saving measures including defibrillation and transported him to a hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The EMTs claim they were not told that Marshall might have ingested drugs. Buckley also claims that he was never told by the arresting officers that Marshall could have ingested drugs.

Marshall's death prompted protests outside Westland City Hall and the jail. The city settled a lawsuit with Marshall's family paying $3.75 million last year.

In his lawsuit, Buckley claims that he has interviewed for 17 law enforcement or security positions but cannot find employment despite having been cleared of manslaughter and misconduct charges filed in relation to Marshall's death. He also cites several disabilities including a work-related injury and cancer. He claims city officials were aware of the physical situations.

"After Mr. Marshall's death, defendants reached an agreement amongst themselves to frame Sgt. Buckley for the death, to thereby deprive Sgt. Buckley of his constitutional rights," according to the lawsuit.

"Sgt. Buckley was wrongfully terminated after a 24-year career in civil service and maliciously prosecuted by his own department in order to provide defendants a necessary scapegoat and ease public pressure after a terrible tragedy at the Westland Jail," his attorneys say in the suit. "This misconduct was undertaken with malice, willfulness, and reckless indifference to Sgt. Buckley's rights."

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, on or before 2:00PM Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

The Township hereby solicits proposals for Engineering Consulting Service Qualifications. Information on the project is available on the Northville Township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/projects along with all bid documents and can also be obtained from the Clerks Department, Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

Additional information may be obtained from the Deputy Director of Public Services, Robert Belair PE, at (248)662-0498 or bbelair@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the Robert Belair PE, Department of Public Services via email to bbelair@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions will not be accepted after June 22, 2020 @ 3:30 PM.

Marjorie Banner, Township Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, July 1, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold three public hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2020-002; **A-Ok Plumbing**, requesting a variance from *Section 6.05(d), Parking Lots and Vehicular Circulation Drives* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the expansion of a nonconforming front yard parking lot. The applicant is changing the use of the CBD-1 property to a plumbing contractor's establishment and expanding the parking lot. The property is located at 35920 Goddard. The applicant is Raymond Oatman.

2. BZA-2020-005; **Deborah Burnell**, requesting a variance from *Section 3.04(c), Pools and Hot Tubs* to allow a swimming pool in the front yard at 36883 Chase. The property is zoned R-1B, Single-family Residential District and swimming pools are permitted in the rear yard and non-required side yard only.

3. BZA-2020-006; **Daniel Emadamerho** requesting a variance from *Section 3.05(a)(2)* to allow a fence in the front yard, which is an exterior yard, at 29218 Riveroak. The property is zoned R-1B, Single-family Residential District and fences on corner lots cannot extend in front of the building line of the exterior side yard (Oak Tree Ln.). The petitioner is proposing to replace an existing nonconforming fence that is in a state of disrepair.

Copies of the applications are available for review at the Department of Public Services during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Plymouth

March on

About a thousand people attended a rally last Wednesday in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Participants in the two-hour event Wednesday walked around downtown several times and eventually blocked northbound Main Street for a short period without incident. A second rally from noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday drew about the same number of predominantly young individuals to the park who chanted and displayed signs protesting the inequitable treatment of African Americans. The protest participants were loud, but orderly, and police reported no incidents requiring response during either of the demonstrations. Photos by Dave Willett

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BLACK LIVES MATTER
DADDY CHANGED THE WORLD"

Rivian in Plymouth Township lays off 40 workers

Rivian, a electronic-vehicle manufacturer in Plymouth Township, has laid off about 40 full-time employees.

The layoffs included engineers, recruiters and other employees at the engineering and design center near Plymouth Road in the township. In addition, the company has reportedly replaced the chief operating officers and made several new executive hires.

Rivian has reportedly enjoyed $3 billion in investments from companies including Amazon, Ford, T. Rowe Price and others. The company currently employs about 2,000 people and the layoffs, according to the company were performance based.

> *The layoffs included engineers, recruiters and other employees.*

"From time to time, it's important for any performance-focused and fast-growing company to streamline its organization to improve effectiveness," Amy Mast, Rivian's public relations director, said in a statement. "Rivian remains healthy, growing, and focused on the launch of our products."

The company has delayed the release of its first two electric vehicles, the R1T pickup truck and the R1S SUV, to 2021 and also canceled a luxury SUV that was supposed to be built using the Rivian EV technology.

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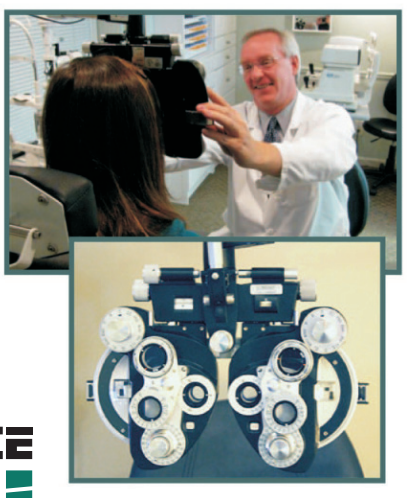

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Former city attorney named to district bench

Breeda K. O'Leary officially became the judge at the 29th District Court in Wayne on Monday when she took the bench for the first time.

O'Leary, a Wayne native, was named to the position by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week. She was an attorney with Fausone Bohn, LLP and is the fourth attorney from that firm to be named to a judicial post.

In her law practice, she served as a city attorney for the City of Wayne, assistant city attorney for the City of Westland, and as a prosecutor in the 29th and 18th District Courts. O'Leary's practice also included civil matters and probate and estate planning. During her time as an attorney, O'Leary has provided probono assistance to local senior citizens, participated in training for the 29th District Court Regional Behavioral Mental Health Court Program and participated in the 18th District Court Sobriety Court Program.

> *As judge of the 29th District Court, I will ensure that all individuals are heard and treated with respect.*

O'Leary is an advisory board member of the Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Northwest Wayne Chapter, a member of the Wayne 100 Club, vice president of Wayne Main Street, and a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University James Madison College and a Juris Doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. O'Leary lives in Wayne with her husband, Jason, and their two daughters.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the citizens in my hometown," O'Leary said.

"A district court judge has a unique opportunity to have a meaningful impact on the community. As judge of the 29th District Court, I will ensure that all individuals are heard and treated with respect."

O'Leary will replace Judge Laura Mack who announced her retirement as of March 1, leaving a partial term which expires at noon Jan. 1, 2021.

O'Leary said she will be a candidate on the November ballot to complete Mack's term which will continue until Jan. 1, 2025.

The court has operated with visiting judges while candidates were considered by the office of the governor.

Breeda K. O'Leary

Inkster to receive grant funds for COVID-19 supplies

The City of Inkster will be among the communities benefiting from an additional $4,960,787 in grant funding administered by the Wayne County Commission.

The commissioners unanimously approved a modification to the county grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that will make the $4,960,787 in additional Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act money available to help county residents. The money will primarily be used in cities and by county-based social service agencies. In Inkster, funding will be provided for sanitizer and building cleaning.

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will receive money for food distribution programs, to assist renters affected by COVID-19 in 26 communities and to complete a day shelter for Taylor-based ChristNet.

Samaritas will receive increased money for Wayne County Family Center operating costs and the Wayne County Economic Development Division will receive additional money for administration and planning fees.

Some money is unallocated and may be used for other community service programs under eligible under CARES Act provisions, officials said in a prepared statement.

The additional money brings the total amount of CARES Act money available to the county from $8,580,188 to $13,540,975.

Recreational marijuana licenses considered in Wayne

Recreational marijuana licenses may soon be available in the City of Wayne.

Officials instructed the city attorney to research the particulars of drafting an ordinance allowing the eight medicinal marijuana license holders in the city to apply for licenses to also sell the drug for recreational uses.

The council voted to explore the possible sale by a 5-2 vote following a report by city Planning Director Lori Gouin who said the city could realize extra revenue by allowing the recreational sales.

A representative from one of the current establishments, Wayne Releaf, told the council members that during the first week the business operated with curbside pickup only, they turned away about 100 potential customers who wanted to purchase recreational marijuana.

"Why would we want them going to Inkster or Westland to spend their money if we can provide them an opportunity to do business right here in their own city?" Gouin said during the May 19 meeting. She said that all eight of the current licensees in the city said they would apply for a recreational sales license. She said allowing the recreational sales could bring an additional $40,000 to the city in fees.

> *Why would we want them going to Inkster or Westland to spend their money if we can provide them an opportunity to do business right here in their own city?*

Councilman Philip Wagner said he was aware of the reasons to favor recreational marijuana sales in the city but that he could not vote in favor of the recreational sales.

Members of the planning commission recommended that only those facilities that currently have medicinal licenses to sell the substance should be able to apply for a license to sell it for recreational purposes.

Councilman Anthony Miller was in favor of the proposal and suggested the anticipated revenue from fees could be used to pay the city debts and that members of the council should vote as representatives of the residents, not based on their own personal beliefs.

The two no votes were cast by Wagner and Councilwoman Kelly Skiff.

Parks

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More information about responsible park use is available at https://bit.ly/2X0AEY4

ROMULUS

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff confirmed that all city parks in Romulus reopened on Monday, June 8. He said all playgrounds, dog parks and walking paths were now open to the public.

"Please note that bathrooms will still be closed and we encourage you to stay home if you are feeling sick, practice social distancing, avoid touching your face, and wash your hands after visiting the playgrounds," he cautioned.

"With summer around the corner, we are thankful residents have the opportunity to get outside and take full advantage of the nice weather by utilizing city parks and pathways," Burcroff said.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

In Sumpter Township, Banotai Park is open with swimming only in designated areas, while Graham Park is open for public use, following the governor's orders for social distancing and safe practices, according to Parks and Recreation Commission member Sharon Pokerwinski.

She noted that there is currently a Butterfly Habitat being installed at Banotai Park, but it remains under construction and will not be complete and open to the public until sometime next month.

The children's playground area at both parks will undergo upgrades to the ground area and a swing added to accommodate wheelchair access this year, she said.

WESTLAND

Parks in Westland reopened to the public last week with the exception of the H20 Zone Spray Park and the Westland Historical Village Park.

"As soon as we received word that parks could reopen, our team began a strategy to get them back up and running as quickly as possible," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "We are hopeful that we will be able to reopen the H20 Zone on July 1, once we can amp up staffing levels for support."

Currently, the spray park and concession stand will remain closed and the city will not be renting out park pavilions or banquet facilities.

The governor's order requires that individuals utilizing parks and other public spaces still maintain 6-feet of distance between one another, officials reminded potential park users. The City of Westland is recommending that masks be worn while in contact with others, they added.

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Additional information may be obtained from the Fire Chief, Brent Siegel at bsiegel@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the Fire Chief, Brent Siegel via email to bsiegel@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions will not be accepted after 3:30PM on Monday, June 22, 2020.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Van Buren Township Hall set to reopen to public

Van Buren Township Hall will reopen to residents on Monday, June 15, although officials are encouraging residents to continue to do business remotely and by appointment.

"If at all possible we're encouraging residents to limit coming into the building. However, we will be glad to see and serve those who have to come in," said Treasurer Sharry Budd.

New procedures have been put in place when entering township hall to ensure the safety of both the staff and residents. Upon arrival, all visitors must wear a mask inside the building, have their temperature recorded (a contactless process with an Infrared thermometer) and will be asked to complete a quick standard confidential screening questionnaire, officials said.

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All Van Buren Township parks including Quirk Park and Senior Garden, Van Buren Park, Riggs Heritage, French Landing and Haggerty Neighborhood Parks will reopen on June 22 with proper sanitizing and signs posted to follow social distance guidelines. However, all playground equipment, the Van Buren Park Beach, Quirk Park Splash Pad and the park pavilions will remain closed until further notice.

The Van Buren Township Senior Center, Parks & Recreation Department and the Belleville Area Museum will remain closed until further notice.

All township sponsored or organized activities, programs and events have been canceled until July 5, according to a statement from township officials.

For a list of department contact information and frequently asked questions regarding procedures and services or absentee voting, visit https://vanburen-mi.org/.

Romulus library continues to offer on-line services

While the Romulus Public Library is preparing to open soon, Director Patty Braden reminded residents that the facility offers several online services.

Braden said that she and the leadership team are working together on a comprehensive reopening plan to keep visitors safe and healthy when services resume. "This will mean changes to how we offer library services and access to the building. Our plan is to take it one step at a time using a controlled, phased-in approach to reopening. We will ease restrictions as we are able, following state and local guidelines, recommendations from public safety officials, and advice from our colleagues at other libraries across the state," Braden said in a recent email to city residents.

Safety of library patrons and staff is our top priority, she said.

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"To that end, we are working to acquire a sufficient supply of hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, masks, gloves, and other protective supplies. Before the closure, a disinfecting wipes dispenser was purchased. More recently, plexiglass safety barriers were put in place at the circulation desk. Library materials returned in the drop box are being quarantined for at least 24 hours and this will continue after we reopen. The building has been deep cleaned. Frequent and thorough cleaning will be the norm after reopening," she assured library users.

She said that throughout the phased reopening, library staff will continue to monitor staffing levels, the availability of protective equipment and supplies, the capacity of the library to manage each phase safely and successfully, and any local/state/federal restrictions on physical distancing, sanitizing, and maximum building occupancy ratios.

"We miss you and look forward to seeing you all again soon," Braden said. She also reminded residents of the number of online services currently available at the library including: Virtual Story Time with Miss Jessica (Youth tab, click on YouTube Playlist); Capstone e-books (Youth tab, click on Capstone); Great Start Food Banks (Services tab, click on Food Banks); Virtual Music Programs (Services Tab, click on Virtual Programs); Tumble Books (Digital Library Tab, click on Tumble Books); Hoopla Bonus Borrows Collection (Digital Library tab, click Hoopla Bonus); RBDigital magazines (Digital Library Tab, click RB Digital); Overdrive e-books (Digital Library Tab, click Overdrive and Ancestry.com (Resource Tab, click on Ancestry).

Patty Braden

Braden said she also wanted to thank library partners: Tumble Books, RB Digital, Overdrive, Hoopla, Great Start, Ancestry, Pebble Go by Capstone, University Musical Society, Chamber Music Society of Detroit, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and U of M School of Music Theater and Dance.

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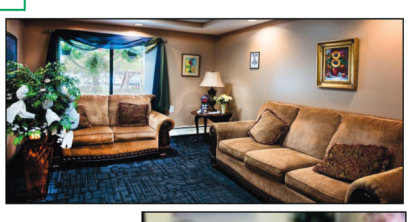

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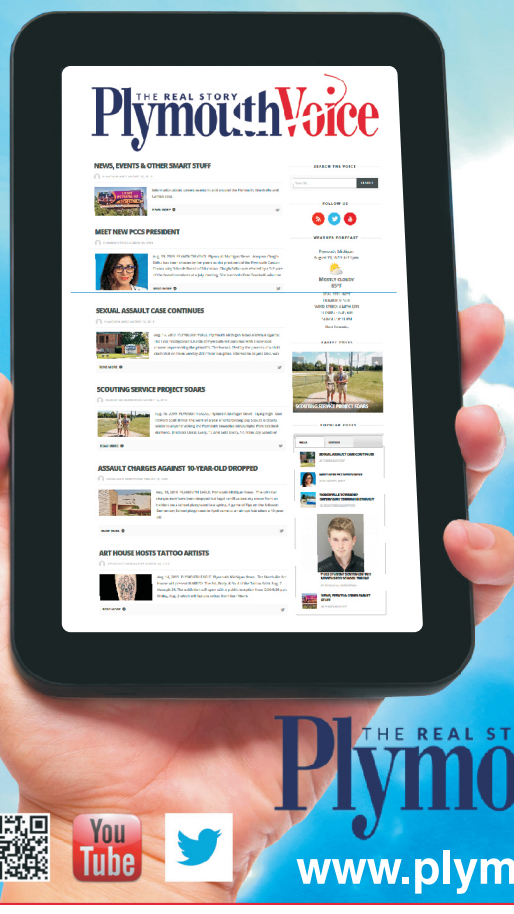

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Canton - Sumpter

Sumpter trustees OK new Concast internet contract

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees agreed last week to an upgrade to the current Comcast system at township hall and in other township buildings.

The new agreement, unanimously approved by the board members in attendance, will cost the township $1,400 per month for 60 months. Township Finance Director Michelle Cole told the board members that the new system will allow the township to have fiber optics which, she said, is "the way to go."

Cole said that Comcast is investing $30,000 in the area and that the new system will provide a dedicated line of service and that Comcast will monitor the system for any problems and necessary service rather than the township having to report problems.

"In addition," Cole said, "the new system will allow for the connection of all township buildings and all departments will be connected in a fully-integrated system." The current system requires individual remote logins, which Cole explained the new system will eliminate.

"An additional benefit is that it is more secure," she said of the new fiber optic service. "This is the optimal time to move forward," she said. "This will also save us about $24,000 a year as we can switch from the Verizon service."

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Following the 60-months, or 5-years of payments on the new system, it will belong to the township, she said.

Trustee Matt Oddy said he felt that this was a favorable move for the township and would "move us into the 21st century." He also said that with the savings projected from the move from Verizon, there could be a $20,000 annual savings to the township.

"This will strengthen our internet service and introduce fiber to Sumpter Township. It will also now allow Comcast to install more fiber throughout the township," Cole said.

In addition, the board members approved the purchase of two police interceptor vehicles from Atchinson Ford at a price of $81,282.22. The funding will come from the approved police budget, officials noted.

Members of the board also cancelled the June 9 and June 29 meetings due to the continuing stay-home orders from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Treasurer Kenneth Bednark and Trustee Don Swinson were absent from the meeting.

Police

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tices. The Canton Police Department employs directives and oversight on all use of force applications. These mechanisms of administration include exhaustive training and review. The agency has zero-tolerance for the misuse of force, and officers are subject to discharge and discipline for any abuse of power. Canton works pro-actively to maintain a benchmark worthy team of officers through training, legal briefings as well as professional internal and external mentorship," Williams said.

"Additionally, the department actively trains police officers on implicit bias. Specifically, the cultural diversity and cultural competency training has not only helped our officers understand the implicit bias, but has helped the Canton Police Department become one of the most progressive policing agencies in the region. The department has a zero-tolerance for bias-based profiling and enforcement programs. They are violations of the constitutional rights of those we serve, undermine the department's legitimate efforts, and lead to a loss of trust within our community. The department is trained to focus on a person's conduct or other specific suspect information"

Williams' remarks were echoed in a statement from Deputy Director of Police Chad Baugh.

"The Canton Police Department stands against injustice and works every day to serve our community. Like many, we are sickened by the actions and inactions of the police officers in the death of George Floyd. Those officers tarnished our policing service. We have been working for over 20 years toward developing a workforce with the mindset and skills to build a foundation of public trust and service, with a genuine commitment to our racially, economically, politically, socially, and religiously diverse community," Baugh said in a prepared statement.

"The Canton Police Department maintains various partnerships within our community and region. One of which is our Canton Coalition for Inclusive Communities team, which is a partnership of a diverse group of community and regional leaders. Further, our Community Engagement Team has been very active with the Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust, whose mission is to examine issues affecting police and community relations, and the discriminatory enforcement of laws, such as racial profiling, police discretion, use of force, recruitment and training, citizen complaint processes, community partnering, police leadership and management, and disciplinary practices designed to enhance the bonds of trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

"As part of our police department's goal of becoming a more diverse police agency, as well as being a component of the national accreditation process, the department has developed a recruiting plan that includes hiring police officers who reflect our community's demographic makeup. The recruiting team is a dedicated group of 10 police officers trained to recruit police employees, with a concentration on engaging minorities to work as Canton police officers. The recruiting process includes a coordinated effort with the Canton Human Resource Department. The Canton Police Department has made great strides with hiring and retaining minority police officers .

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"I have been a Canton resident for over 30 years, and, as a long-time resident, husband, father, neighbor, friend, and now as supervisor, I truly believe that the Canton Police Department is the finest department around. The men and women of the Canton Police Department support all residents and visitors in our community, they stand for justice, and continue to find solutions to maintain public support in that service," Williams concluded.

The Canton Police Department stands for justice and continues to find solutions to maintain public support in service to our citizens and, most importantly, to be impartial to ensure our citizens feel safe and can thrive. Our mutual trust with the citizens of our community is the cornerstone to our success. As always, we are here to serve the Canton community, support all of our residents and visitors, and protect life," Baugh's statement concluded.

Township programs canceled

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees, who continue to meet electronically, recently determined which programs, events and facility closures will remain in effect in the community.

The Canton Sports Center will remain closed through at least Aug. 1, including adult softball leagues, all tournaments, and Canton Township facilitated programs at this location.

The Summit on the Park, including Canton Club 55+ will remain closed to members and the general public through at least Oct. 1. All current and active memberships will be automatically extended. Those wishing to be refunded may contact the Summit at (734) 394-5460 or by emailing leisure@canton-mi.org.

All recreation programs, classes, and events, with the exception of the Canton Farmers Market, are canceled through the summer. This includes all summer camps, programs, community events, and concerts.

The Canton Farmers Market will resume in mid-July with new COVID-19 safety protocols and restrictions in place.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will remain closed to the public for ticketed events for the foreseeable future. All purchased tickets will automatically be refunded.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, as well as affiliated programs and services, remains closed and will resume following the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in-person classroom schedule.

Pheasant Run and Fellows Creek Golf Clubs are open with restrictions in place based on current executive orders of the governor.

Individuals registered for a class, program, or camp that has been canceled or suspended will automatically be refunded.

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